

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention provides a combination, comprising an allosteric carboxylic inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with

5 celecoxib, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or valdecoxib, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. This invention also provides a method of treating a disease that is responsive to inhibition of MMP-13 and cyclooxygenase-2, comprising administering to a patient suffering from such a disease the invention combination comprising an allosteric carboxylic inhibitor of MMP-13,

10 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with celecoxib, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or valdecoxib, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. This invention also provides a pharmaceutical composition, comprising the invention combination comprising an allosteric carboxylic inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

15 with celecoxib, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or valdecoxib, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

The invention combination may also be further combined with other pharmaceutical agents depending on the disease being treated.